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TO AMEND THE NATIONAL DEFENSE ACT

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Mr. WADSWORTH, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 4010]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the bill (S. 4010) to amend the national defense act of 1916, as amended, having considered the same, reports thereon favorably and recommend that it do pass without amendment.

After a full discussion, your committee has reached the conclusion that the Chiefs of the Financial and Chemical Warfare Services of the Army should have the same rank as that given to other chiefs of branches of the Army.

The report of the House Military Affairs Committee on a similar measure (H. R. 11445) is appended hereto and made a part of this report, as follows:

When the reorganization of the Army was undertaken following the World War, Congress, after careful consideration, determined there should be created a Finance Department to have charge of all financial work in the War Department. A Chemical Warfare Service was also established as an independent bureau. Although the chiefs of the other bureaus were given rank of major general, the chiefs of the newly established Bureaus of Finance and Chemical Warfare were designated as brigadier generals.

Time and experience have demonstrated clearly the value of these two branches of the service, and your committee feel it is just and proper and in the best interest of the Military Establishment that the chiefs of these two bureaus be placed on an equality of rank with the chiefs of the other bureaus.

The Secretary of War stated to your committee that the Finance Bureau in particular has accomplished great results, and it is to this bureau that much of the credit for the successful financial system in use at the Budget Bureau is due.

The Secretary of War stated to your committee that he was in favor of the proposed legislation and the Director of the Bureau of the Budget advises that it is not in conflict with the financial program of the President.